Aged Victorian Foresees a War Within 10 Years

Another major war within 10 years is predicted by a Victoria man who has lived through a score of wartimes during his 95 years.

But he thinks mankind will survive—as always.

William Rowles, 723 University, who celebrated his 95th birthday Wednesday, says a war is inevitable when two big countries are jealous of each other.

"But mankind won't be wiped out," he says optimistically. "I even doubt if they'll use nuclear bombs when trouble breaks out.

"Look at all the talk about poison gas in the last war," he points out. "But no one used it."

He claims he "lost count" of conflicts after the 1871 war between France and Germany and the Russo-Turkish war.

Still in good health, Mr. Rowles is a former farmer who came to Canada from England in 1888, homesteaded in Manitoba and Saskatchewan before coming here 10 years ago.

His appropriate prescription for a long life in a warring world is: "Never hold a grudge."

Eskimos Do It Now!

An easy and inexpensive do-it-yourself house is available to anyone who heads north to where the snow is 10 feet deep. In a demonstration by Eskimos Jasper Jiktauer and Lowatuk, the igloo was assembled in 35 minutes. Group Capt. C. R. Lloyd of Brampton, England, and Air Commodore J. B. Millward, Kingston, Ont., can vouch that the house, not exactly spacious, is warm.

Win Bet or Lose, Bowler Verboten

A Hatful of Secrecy

By DAVID BARNETT

WASHINGTON (NANA) — The secretary of defence, the Russians and the American security have conspired to threaten the reputation of Rep. Dan Flood (D., Pa.) as the "epitome of style" in Congress.

The wiry, waxed mustache of the Congressman is acquiver with desire for a black bowler. It would top off his smart wardrobe. But for reasons of state he can't wear one.

This sartorial disaster began a year ago, when Rep. Flood, a member of the House appropriations committee, was questioning Secretary of Defence Neil McElroy about U.S. achievements in the missile field.

Secretary McElroy told the committee the U.S. would have an intermediate-range ballistic missile "operational" in the United Kingdom toward the end of 1958.

Challenged Rep. Flood: "I'll bet you a hat you won't have one operational in Great Britain before Christmas."

Later the Congressman wrote the secretary asking, "Where's my hat?" Back came the reply: "I didn't ask you for mine."

"Unfortunately," explains Rep. Flood, "neither he nor I can tell in public what we know about the IRBM program, because of security.

"He's afraid that if I turn up with a new hat, some Russian spy will quickly send word to the Kremlin that the U.S. does not have an operational missile in the U.K.

"In fact," the Congressman mused sadly, "I can't wear one unless I put a sign on it saying 'Not purchased at government expense.' That wouldn't fit in with my reputation for elegance."

Exhaust Kills Pair In Car

MAILLARDVILLE, B.C. (CP)—A police constable and a mental hospital nurse were found dead early Thursday in a parked car filled with exhaust fumes.

The couple was to have been married in less than three weeks, on Feb. 7. The victims: Georgette Dolbec, 25, a nurse at nearby Essondale provincial mental home, and Clare Mohr, 27, a member of the West Vancouver municipal police.

Police said the couple apparently were overcome by fumes while sitting in the car.

Miss Dolbec's father heard the car's motor running on the street in front of his house and went to investigate.

A window of the car was open slightly, but apparently the vehicle had become filled with exhaust fumes.

Five Killed; Only Snow To Fight Fire

PRESTON, N.S. (CP)—Fire struck Thursday in this run-down Negro community, killing five persons. Neighbors had only buckets of water, quickly exhausted, and snow to fight the flames, although the Halifax Metropolitan area lies within 10 miles.

Nova Scotia Fire Marshal K. J. B. Partington said the community is protected neither by a full-time nor voluntary fire-fighting force. There are no telephones within a mile of here.

FIVE VICTIMS

The victims were identified as Myra, 3; Marlow, 4, and Carol Ann Williams, 18 months; their grandmother, Mrs. Annie Williams, 53, and Marguerite Grant, 9.

Rubin Williams, a CNR employee and father of three of the children that died, was at work. His wife is in hospital where she gave birth to a baby this week.

TWO HURT

Two other occupants of the house were taken to hospital for treatment of injuries suffered when they jumped from the second floor of the two-storey frame house.

James Williams, cut and bruised from his leap to safety, had to be restrained when he tried to re-enter the burning house.

Two Jailed For Starting Fatal Fire

OTTAWA (CP)—Mr. Justice Charles Stewart of the Ontario Supreme Court sentenced two men Thursday to penitentiary terms for manslaughter in connection with a fire that claimed seven lives Sept. 13.

Merrill Plouffe, 27, was sentenced to 15 years with hard labor and William Warren, 34, to 12 years of hard labor in Kingston penitentiary.

They were originally charged with murder.

Tenders Called For House Jobs

Provincial public works department has called tenders, returnable Jan. 28 at 2 p.m., for the stone masonry on the main terrace and planters on the north facade of the new Government House.

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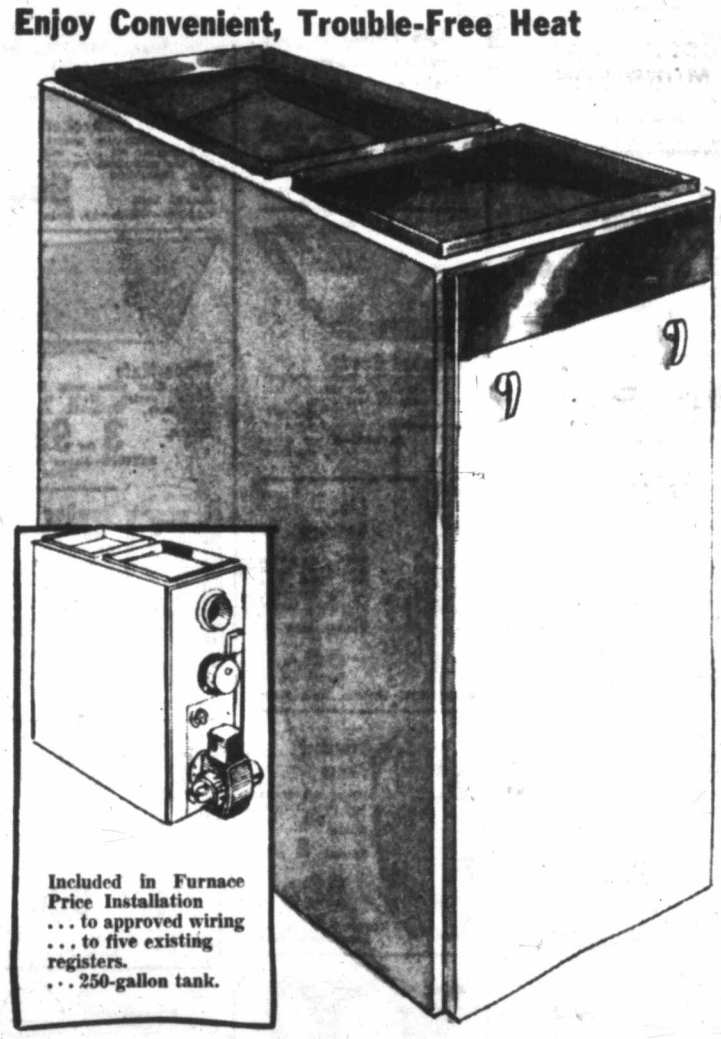

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